



City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report for the Regular City Council Meeting: April 16, 2012 6:00PM

DATE: April 2, 2012
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Pete Carr, City Administrator
SUBJECT: City Participation at County Water Advisory Committee
(Discussion/Action)

Council is asked to consider appointing a representative to participate on the Butte County Water Advisory Committee.

Background:

The City has an opportunity to be represented at the Butte County Water Advisory Committee (WAC), which advises the Board of Supervisors through the Board-appointed Water Commission. Comprised of 26 members including representatives from watershed groups, the county and cities, each municipality can appoint one person. City reps can be technical, management or policy makers.

The Committee focuses on Basin Management Objective programs, with 16 sub-inventory units monitoring seasonal levels of key wells. Technical data is reviewed. The WAC may also feed information to the Board via the Drought Task Force.

City participation on the WAC may be viewed in the context of the enlarging focus on water related issues including aquifer management, surface water rights, water storage, hydroelectric power, water treatment regulations, habitat conservation, and various methods for flood prevention and control.

The Committee meets at least twice a year, generally in an afternoon. The next meeting is April 26 at 2:00 PM in Oroville. More information is available at <http://www.buttecounty.net/Water%20and%20Resource%20Conservation> .

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

Determine whether a representative should be appointed and direct staff accordingly.

Fiscal Impact of Recommendation: None.